

In addition, the Office Action includes a copy of the PTO Form 1449 that was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 15, 2002. Each of the references cited therein are initialed by the Examiner, thereby indicating that these references were considered.

The Office Action does not indicate whether the drawings filed on March 8, 2001 are acceptable, as requested in the amendment filed on August 15, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to do so.

II. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claim 1-4 and 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,786,814 (Moran). This rejection is traversed.

In the amendment filed on August 15, 2002, Applicant argued that Moran does not teach or suggest to append information for managing the specified playback range and playback time to an area of the recording medium other than the motion picture data body on the recording medium. In response to these arguments, the Examiner asserts that Moran teaches a display system having three separate types of data: events, timestreams, and sessions. The Examiner asserts that the timestreams and events are stored in a session analyzer 104. Relying on column 15, lines 28-37, the Examiner asserts that the session and event data are stored in a timestream data base and the timestream data is stored in the bulk timestream storage.

Also, during the telephone interview conducted with the undersigned on December 6, 2002, Examiner Esplin asserted that the events of Moran correspond to the "information for managing the specified playback range and playback time" of the claimed invention. Examiner Esplin indicated that support for this definition of the "Events" of Moran is found in column 6, lines 30-33, column 6, lines 63-67, and information contained in columns 13-17.

Applicant submits that the Events of Moran are substantially different than the "information for managing the specified playback range and playback time" of the present invention. Applicant submits that the Events of Moran represent an actual occurrence recorded by a capture device, such as a switch in speakers or writing on a whiteboard (see column 6, lines 30-32). For example, Moran teaches that the capture device can be an electronic whiteboard. In this example, the Event could be the changing of the page on the whiteboard. Moran also teaches that the capture device could be the button of a slide projector, in which the Event would be the changing of the slides (see column 13, lines 25-33). As an additional example, Moran teaches to use an audio recorder or personal computer as the capture device, in which the Events are the segments when a certain participant is speaking, or when a certain participant is taking notes, respectively (see column 21, line 36 – column 22, line 21). Also, in Moran, because the Events include various media types such as audio, writing and video, the type of the Event must be specified, as presented in column 6, lines 63-65.

In contrast, the claimed "information for managing the specified playback range and playback time" has nothing to do with an actual occurrence. Therefore, this information can be recorded without the capture device and can define the playback range independently of the capture device. For example, the present invention can define the playback range having a start point corresponding to the time when a person starts speaking and an end point corresponding to the time 5 minutes after a person as finished speaking. The type of the media device is not required to store the "information for managing the specified playback range and playback time" because the claimed invention only specifies the region of the moving picture data.

Also, in Moran, the Events are occurring simultaneously with the time stream data. Whereas, in the present invention, the "information for managing the specified playback range and playback time" can be defined afterwards.

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the Events of Moran are substantially different than the "information for managing the specified

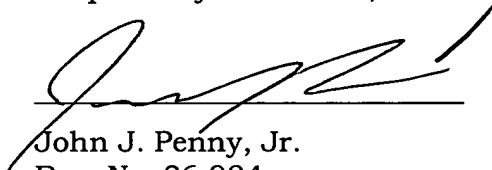
playback range and playback time" of the present invention. Therefore, Applicant submits that Moran does not teach or suggest each and every feature of claims 1-4 and 8-20. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is overcome.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension, which is attached to this Amendment. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is included in this submission for the payment of a one-month extension fee. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted,

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